



Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

DBQ Automation Update

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Background

- The **paperless** processing of Veterans' claims for disability benefits is central to the success of VBA's Transformation
- To achieve paperless claims processing, VA needs the elements of the claims file in **electronic format**
- **C&P Exam Data** is a crucial claims file element
- **DBQ forms** are a subset of the information gathered and developed during a C&P exam in a format that matches VA's Rating Schedule (VASRD)
- Getting properly-formatted VASRD information (i.e., DBQs) automatically fed into VBMS in electronic format is **critical to VBA Transformation**
 - Viewable PDFs
 - Computable data



Sources of VBA Requested C&P Exam Data

C&P Exam Data currently comes from multiple sources using multiple systems and formats. None of the below currently feed VBMS either as images (e.g., PDF) viewable using VBMS to make the as-is process paperless, or as computable data capable of supporting a re-engineered to-be process.

Source	FY 12 Exams	System	Current Output
VHA clinicians	2.2M	CAPRI/CPRS	Text
QTC (VBA/VHA)	156,238/7,183	Proprietary	Text, PDF*
VETFED (VBA)	21,474	Proprietary	Text, PDF*
VES (VBA/VHA)	15,122/39,502	Proprietary	Text, PDF*
LHI (VHA)	5,905	Proprietary	Text, PDF
CHS (VHA)	3,438	Proprietary	Text, PDF
MSLA (VHA)	3,166	Proprietary	Text, PDF
Private Physicians **	0	N/A	N/A

* PDF files for VBA requested exams are uploaded into Virtual VA

** Private physicians do not provide C&P exams; they provide other evidence



How VLER is Fixing the Problem

Getting Data from VHA and Contract Clinicians

- **Developing and Publishing DBQ/VASRD Data Standards**
 - Required for both images (i.e., “searchable” PDFs) and computable data (i.e., XML Schemas)
- **Implementing VLER Data Broker (VLER DAS)**
 - Lets VBMS get C&P Exam Data from one place in one way v. using expensive and duplicative point-to-point interfaces
- **Enhance VHA C&P Exam Management Systems**
 - Make required enhancements to / or replace existing C&P systems

Getting Data from Private Clinicians

- **Providing DBQ Web Forms**
 - DBQ forms give private clinicians the tool needed to produce C&P Exam Data that aligns with VASRD and adheres to OMB rules about forms
 - Including private clinicians expands the size of potential C&P Exam Data providers
 - Forms creation tool enables non-IT people to create/modify forms



Status and Next Steps

G Developing and Publishing DBQ/VASRD Data Standards - 20 Schemas Delivered

- Continue working closely with VBMS and DENTT
- Complete Schemas 21-82 in three increments (*Jan, Mar, May 2013*)
- Timing of on-boarding of contract clinicians to match VBMS schedule

G Implementing VLER Data Broker (VLER DAS) – Tested and Operational

- Work with VHA/DMA and VBA to prioritize vendors based on exams per year (*Jan 2013*)
- On-board data feeds from C&P exam systems (*TBD*)

R Enhance VHA C&P Exam Management Systems – Currently Working Funding

- Enhancing/replacing CAPRI/CPRS/C&P system
- Enhancing data collection/exam management
- Automate feed to VBMS via VLER DAS/HDR

R Providing DBQ Web Forms for Private Clinicians –20 Forms Delivered

- Forms do not support C&P exam workflow
- May be useful in collecting other medical evidence from private physicians
- Complete forms 21-82 in three increments (*Jan, Mar, May 2013*)
- Integration with VRM Stakeholder Enterprise Portal (SEP)

Current Priority Goal:

C&P exam data (of which VASRD/DBQ data is a subset) from VHA and *at least* one vendor automatically fed into HDR for consumption by VBMS by May 2013

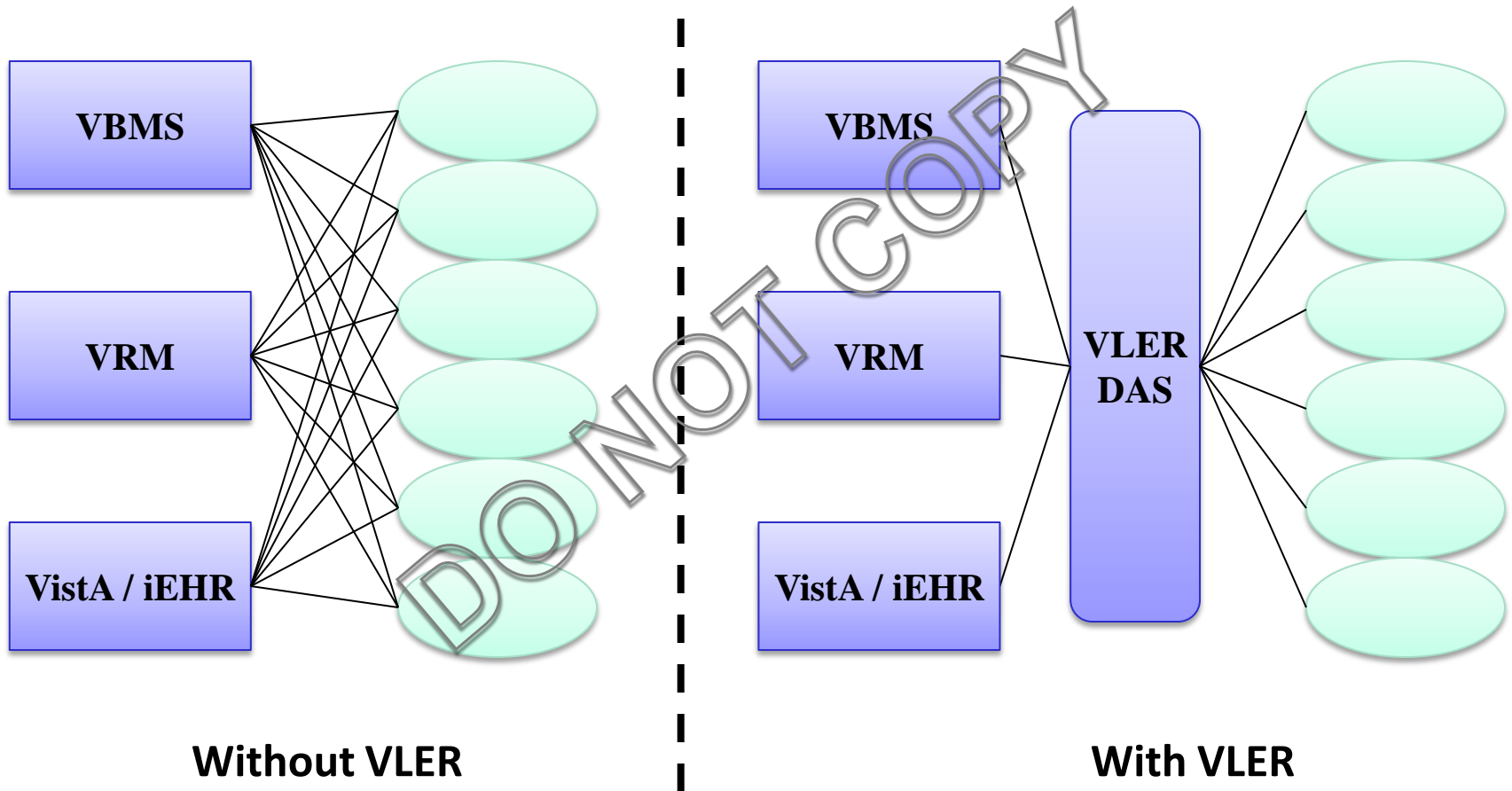


Back-up Slides

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VLER Value Equation





Technical Details

Common Standards: XML Schemas

- Lets VA collect fully electronic C&P Exam Data from any producer
- Gives VBMS data in VASRD construct
- Can be modified in response to future policy and paper form changes

Common Service: VLER DAS

- VLER DAS allows VA to:
 - Ingest C&P Exam Data from these producers,
 - Store the data in a common repository (HDR), and
 - Make the data available to VBMS (and others)

